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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 June 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-51 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-51 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-25, drawn to a method and system of processing transaction data relating to trademarks by displaying and inputting data relating to trademarks classified in class 705, subclass 1.
- II. Claims 26 (actually identified as claim 27), drawn to a client terminal computer entity capable of receiving a customer instruction data instructing filing a registered trademark application wherein the client terminal computer entity operates to store the data in an Internet database and send finance data via the communication means to a third party, receive confirmation signal confirming the financial details and if valid finance details are received generating a trademark application instruction data instructing the filing of the application at a trademark office, classified in class 705, subclass 1.
- III. Claims 27 and 37, drawn to an Internet based service system with a host server communicating with a plurality of logical entities for filing a plurality of trade mark applications at a plurality of international offices and providing the user with the facility to conduct a trademark search, and filing of the trademark application being undertaken by a sub contractor, classified in class 705, subclass, 1.

- IV. Claim 38, drawn to a method of instructing the filing of trademark applications comprising the steps of forwarding finance data to finance server, checking confirmation signal from finance server, forwarding mark data to search engine, forwarding mark to government office or agent server, and receiving confirmation from government office, classified in class 705, subclass 1.
- V. Claim 39, drawn to an internet based service system with a home page, classified in class 705, subclass 1.
- VI. Claim 41, drawn to a method of instructing the filing of trademark applications wherein user selects country or body (international treaty), wherein when no more classes are required by the user, the user must confirm order at confirm order step or proceed to edit previous selections, wherein upon confirming, a confirmation e-mail is sent and said user's account is debited and a sub contractor files the application, classified in class 705, subclass 1.
- VII. Claims 43 and 44, drawn to an Internet-based service system comprising a user interface configured with a plurality of menus for international registration under the Madrid protocol, classified in class 705, subclass 1.
- VIII. Claim 45, drawn to an Internet-based service system comprising a user interface allowing the user to file the trademark application only, file the trademark application with payment of registration fee and/or search a suitable trademark database, classified in class 705, subclass 1.

- IX. Claims 42 and 46, drawn to an Internet-based service system comprising a user interface providing a constituent of trademark applications, classified in class 705, subclass 1.
- X. Claim 47, drawn to an Internet-based service system comprising a user interface configured to provide a user with data relating to a priority claim, classified in class 705, subclass 1.
- XI. Claim 48, drawn to an Internet-based service system comprising a user interface which provides a user the facility to specify details of an applicant, classified in class 705, subclass 1.
- XII. Claim 49, drawn to an Internet-based service system comprising a cost server and a user interface for entering payment details, classified in class 705, subclass 1.
- XIII. Claim 50, drawn to an Internet-based service system outputting via the user interface all of the application details, classified in class 705, subclass 1.
- XIV. Claim 51, drawn to an Internet-based system comprising a user interface wherein upon confirmation of application details, the user is informed of the completion of data entry, classified in class 705, subclass 1.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the

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different inventions have different functions and effects, Group I directed to processing transaction data by displaying and inputting and Group II directed to sending finance data to a third party, receiving confirmation and generating instruction data.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group I is not necessarily required for Group II, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions I and III are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group I directed to processing transaction data by displaying and inputting and Group III directed to filing a plurality of trademark applications at a plurality of international offices, providing the user with the facility to conduct a trademark search and filing the application by a sub contractor.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group I is not necessarily required for Group III, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions I and IV are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs,

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modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group I directed to processing transaction data by displaying and inputting and Group IV directed to forwarding finance data to a finance server, checking confirmation signal from the finance server, forwarding mark data to a search engine, forwarding mark data to a government office or agent server, and receiving confirmation from the government office or agent server.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group I is not necessarily required for Group IV, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions I and V are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group I directed to processing transaction data by displaying and inputting and Group V directed to a service system with a home page.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group I is not necessarily required for Group V, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions I and VI are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group I directed to processing transaction data by displaying and inputting and Group VI directed to selecting a country or body, confirming order when no more classes are required or editing selections, upon confirmation, an email is sent, the user's account is debited and a sub contractor then files the application.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group I is not necessarily required for Group VI, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions I and VII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group I directed to processing transaction data by displaying and inputting and Group VII directed to an interface with a plurality of menus for international registration under the Madrid protocol.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group I is not necessarily required for Group VII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized

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divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions I and VIII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group I directed to processing transaction data by displaying and inputting and Group VIII directed to an interface allowing the user to file the trademark application only, file the application with payment of a registration fee or perform a search.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group I is not necessarily required for Group VIII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions I and IX are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group I directed to processing transaction data by displaying and inputting and Group IX directed to an interface providing a constituent of trademark applications.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group I is not necessarily required for Group IX, and because the

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inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions I and X are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group I processing transaction data by displaying and inputting and Group X directed to a user interface configured to provide a user with data relating to a priority claim.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group I is not necessarily required for Group X, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions I and XI are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group I directed to processing transaction data by displaying and inputting and Group XI directed to an interface which provides applicant details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group I is not necessarily required for Group XI, and because the

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inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions I and XII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group I drawn to processing transaction data by displaying and inputting and Group XII drawn to a user interface for entering payment details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group I is not necessarily required for Group XII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions I and XIII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group 1 drawn to processing transaction data by displaying and inputting and Group XIII drawn to a system outputting via the user interface all of the application details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group I is not necessarily required for Group XIII, and because the

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inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions I and XIV are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group I drawn to processing transaction data by displaying and inputting and Group XIV drawn to a user interface wherein upon confirmation of application details, the user is informed of the completion of data entry.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group I is not necessarily required for Group XIV, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions II and III are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group II directed to sending finance data to a third party, receiving confirmation and generating instruction data and Group III directed to filing a plurality of trademark applications at a plurality of

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international offices, providing the user with the facility to conduct a trademark search and filing the application by a sub contractor.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group II is not necessarily required for Group III, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions II and IV are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group II directed to sending finance data to a third party, receiving confirmation and generating instruction data Group IV directed to forwarding finance data to a finance server, checking confirmation signal from the finance server, forwarding mark data to a search engine, forwarding mark data to a government office or agent server, and receiving confirmation from the government office or agent server.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group II is not necessarily required for Group IV, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions II and V are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group II directed to sending finance data to a third party, receiving confirmation and generating instruction data and Group V directed to a service system with a home page.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group II is not necessarily required for Group V, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions II and VI are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group II directed to sending finance data to a third party, receiving confirmation and generating instruction data and Group VI directed to selecting a country or body, confirming order when no more classes are required or editing selections, upon confirmation, an email is sent, the user's account is debited and a sub contractor then files the application.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group II is not necessarily required for Group VI, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized

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divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions II and VII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group II directed to sending finance data to a third party, receiving confirmation and generating instruction data and Group VII directed to an interface with a plurality of menus for international registration under the Madrid protocol.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group II is not necessarily required for Group VII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions II and VIII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group II directed to sending finance data to a third party, receiving confirmation and generating instruction data and Group VIII directed to an interface allowing the user to file the trademark application only, file the application with payment of a registration fee or perform a search.

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Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group II is not necessarily required for Group VIII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions II and IX are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group II directed to sending finance data to a third party, receiving confirmation and generating instruction data and Group IX directed to an interface providing a constituent of trademark applications.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group II is not necessarily required for Group IX, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions II and X are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group II directed to sending finance data to a third party, receiving confirmation and generating instruction data and

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Group X directed to a user interface configured to provide a user with data relating to a priority claim.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group II is not necessarily required for Group X, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions II and XI are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group II directed to sending finance data to a third party, receiving confirmation and generating instruction data and Group XI directed to an interface which provides applicant details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group II is not necessarily required for Group XI, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions II and XII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group II directed to sending

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finance data to a third party, receiving confirmation and generating instruction data and Group XII drawn to a user interface for entering payment details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group II is not necessarily required for Group XII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions II and XIII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group II directed to sending finance data to a third party, receiving confirmation and generating instruction data and Group XIII drawn to a system outputting via the user interface all of the application details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group II is not necessarily required for Group XIII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions II and XIV are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the

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different inventions have different functions and effects, Group II directed to sending finance data to a third party, receiving confirmation and generating instruction data and Group XIV drawn to a user interface wherein upon confirmation of application details, the user is informed of the completion of data entry.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group II is not necessarily required for Group XIV, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions III and IV are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group III directed to filing a plurality of trademark applications at a plurality of international offices, providing the user with the facility to conduct a trademark search and filing the application by a sub contractor and Group IV directed to forwarding finance data to a finance server, checking confirmation signal from the finance server, forwarding mark data to a search engine, forwarding mark data to a government office or agent server, and receiving confirmation from the government office or agent server.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group III is not necessarily required for Group IV, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized

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divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions III and V are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group III directed to filing a plurality of trademark applications at a plurality of international offices, providing the user with the facility to conduct a trademark search and filing the application by a sub contractor and Group V directed to a service system with a home page.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group III is not necessarily required for Group V, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions III and VI are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group III directed to filing a plurality of trademark applications at a plurality of international offices, providing the user with the facility to conduct a trademark search and filing the application by a sub contractor and Group VI directed to selecting a country or body, confirming order when

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no more classes are required or editing selections, upon confirmation, an email is sent, the user's account is debited and a sub contractor then files the application.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group III is not necessarily required for Group VI, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions III and VII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group III directed to filing a plurality of trademark applications at a plurality of international offices, providing the user with the facility to conduct a trademark search and filing the application by a sub contractor and Group VII directed to an interface with a plurality of menus for international registration under the Madrid protocol.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group III is not necessarily required for Group VII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions III and VIII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs,

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modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group III directed to filing a plurality of trademark applications at a plurality of international offices, providing the user with the facility to conduct a trademark search and filing the application by a sub contractor and Group VIII directed to an interface allowing the user to file the trademark application only, file the application with payment of a registration fee or perform a search.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group III is not necessarily required for Group VIII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions III and IX are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group III directed to filing a plurality of trademark applications at a plurality of international offices, providing the user with the facility to conduct a trademark search and filing the application by a sub contractor and Group IX directed to an interface providing a constituent of trademark applications.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group III is not necessarily required for Group IX, and because the

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inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions III and X are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group III directed to filing a plurality of trademark applications at a plurality of international offices, providing the user with the facility to conduct a trademark search and filing the application by a sub contractor and Group X directed to a user interface configured to provide a user with data relating to a priority claim.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group III is not necessarily required for Group X, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions III and XI are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group III directed to filing a plurality of trademark applications at a plurality of international offices, providing the

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user with the facility to conduct a trademark search and filing the application by a sub contractor and Group XI directed to an interface which provides applicant details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group III is not necessarily required for Group XI, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions III and XII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group III directed to filing a plurality of trademark applications at a plurality of international offices, providing the user with the facility to conduct a trademark search and filing the application by a sub contractor and generating instruction data and Group XII drawn to a user interface for entering payment details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group III is not necessarily required for Group XII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions III and XIII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs,

modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group III directed to filing a plurality of trademark applications at a plurality of international offices, providing the user with the facility to conduct a trademark search and filing the application by a sub contractor and Group XIII drawn to a system outputting via the user interface all of the application details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group III is not necessarily required for Group XIII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions III and XIV are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group III directed to filing a plurality of trademark applications at a plurality of international offices, providing the user with the facility to conduct a trademark search and filing the application by a sub contractor and Group XIV drawn to a user interface wherein upon confirmation of application details, the user is informed of the completion of data entry.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group III is not necessarily required for Group XIV, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized

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divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions IV and V are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group IV directed to forwarding finance data to a finance server, checking confirmation signal from the finance server, forwarding mark data to a search engine, forwarding mark data to a government office or agent server, and receiving confirmation from the government office or agent server and Group V directed to a service system with a home page.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group IV is not necessarily required for Group V, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions IV and VI are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group IV directed to forwarding finance data to a finance server, checking confirmation signal from the finance server, forwarding mark data to a search engine, forwarding mark data to a government office or agent server, and receiving confirmation from the government office or agent server

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and Group VI directed to selecting a country or body, confirming order when no more classes are required or editing selections, upon confirmation, an email is sent, the user's account is debited and a sub contractor then files the application.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group IV is not necessarily required for Group VI, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions IV and VII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group IV directed to forwarding finance data to a finance server, checking confirmation signal from the finance server, forwarding mark data to a search engine, forwarding mark data to a government office or agent server, and receiving confirmation from the government office or agent server and Group VII directed to an interface with a plurality of menus for international registration under the Madrid protocol.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group IV is not necessarily required for Group VII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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Inventions IV and VIII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group IV directed to forwarding finance data to a finance server, checking confirmation signal from the finance server, forwarding mark data to a search engine, forwarding mark data to a government office or agent server, and receiving confirmation from the government office or agent server and Group VIII directed to an interface allowing the user to file the trademark application only, file the application with payment of a registration fee or perform a search.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group IV is not necessarily required for Group VIII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions IV and IX are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group IV directed to forwarding finance data to a finance server, checking confirmation signal from the finance server, forwarding mark data to a search engine, forwarding mark data to a government office or agent server, and receiving confirmation from the government office or agent server and Group IX directed to an interface providing a constituent of trademark applications.

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Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group IV is not necessarily required for Group IX, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions IV and X are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group IV directed to forwarding finance data to a finance server, checking confirmation signal from the finance server, forwarding mark data to a search engine, forwarding mark data to a government office or agent server, and receiving confirmation from the government office or agent server and Group X directed to a user interface configured to provide a user with data relating to a priority claim.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group IV is not necessarily required for Group X, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions IV and XI are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the

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different inventions have different functions and effects, Group IV directed to forwarding finance data to a finance server, checking confirmation signal from the finance server, forwarding mark data to a search engine, forwarding mark data to a government office or agent server, and receiving confirmation from the government office or agent server and Group XI directed to an interface which provides applicant details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group IV is not necessarily required for Group XI, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions IV and XII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group IV directed to forwarding finance data to a finance server, checking confirmation signal from the finance server, forwarding mark data to a search engine, forwarding mark data to a government office or agent server, and receiving confirmation from the government office or agent server and Group XII drawn to a user interface for entering payment details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group IV is not necessarily required for Group XII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized

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Inventions IV and XIII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group IV directed to forwarding finance data to a finance server, checking confirmation signal from the finance server, forwarding mark data to a search engine, forwarding mark data to a government office or agent server, and receiving confirmation from the government office or agent server and filing the application by a sub contractor and Group XIII drawn to a system outputting via the user interface all of the application details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group IV is not necessarily required for Group XIII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions IV and XIV are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group IV directed to forwarding finance data to a finance server, checking confirmation signal from the finance server, forwarding mark data to a search engine, forwarding mark data to a government office

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or agent server, and receiving confirmation from the government office or agent server and filing the application by a sub contractor and Group XIV drawn to a user interface wherein upon confirmation of application details, the user is informed of the completion of data entry.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group IV is not necessarily required for Group XIV, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions V and VI are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group V directed to a service system with a home page and Group VI directed to selecting a country or body, confirming order when no more classes are required or editing selections, upon confirmation, an email is sent, the user's account is debited and a sub contractor then files the application.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group V is not necessarily required for Group VI, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions V and VII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group V directed to a service system with a home page and Group VII directed to an interface with a plurality of menus for international registration under the Madrid protocol.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group V is not necessarily required for Group VII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions V and VIII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group V directed to a service system with a home page and Group VIII directed to an interface allowing the user to file the trademark application only, file the application with payment of a registration fee or perform a search.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group V is not necessarily required for Group VIII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized

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Inventions V and IX are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group V directed to a service system with a home page and Group IX directed to an interface providing a constituent of trademark applications.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group V is not necessarily required for Group IX, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions V and X are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group V directed to a service system with a home page and Group X directed to a user interface configured to provide a user with data relating to a priority claim.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group V is not necessarily required for Group X, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized

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divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions V and XI are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group V directed to a service system with a home page and Group XI directed to an interface which provides applicant details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group V is not necessarily required for Group XI, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions V and XII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group V directed to a service system with a home page and Group XII drawn to a user interface for entering payment details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group V is not necessarily required for Group XII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized

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Inventions V and XIII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group V directed to a service system with a home page and Group XIII drawn to a system outputting via the user interface all of the application details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group V is not necessarily required for Group XIII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions V and XIV are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group V directed to a service system with a home page and Group XIV drawn to a user interface wherein upon confirmation of application details, the user is informed of the completion of data entry.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group V is not necessarily required for Group XIV, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized

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Inventions VI and VII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group VI directed to selecting a country or body, confirming order when no more classes are required or editing selections, upon confirmation, an email is sent, the user's account is debited and a sub contractor then files the application and Group VII directed to an interface with a plurality of menus for international registration under the Madrid protocol.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group VI is not necessarily required for Group VII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions VI and VIII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group VI directed to selecting a country or body, confirming order when no more classes are required or editing selections, upon confirmation, an email is sent, the user's account is debited and a sub contractor then files the application and Group VIII directed to an interface allowing the

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user to file the trademark application only, file the application with payment of a registration fee or perform a search.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group VI is not necessarily required for Group VIII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions VI and IX are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group VI directed to selecting a country or body, confirming order when no more classes are required or editing selections, upon confirmation, an email is sent, the user's account is debited and a sub contractor then files the application and Group IX directed to an interface providing a constituent of trademark applications.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group VI is not necessarily required for Group IX, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions VI and X are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs,

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modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group VI directed to selecting a country or body, confirming order when no more classes are required or editing selections, upon confirmation, an email is sent, the user's account is debited and a sub contractor then files the application and Group X directed to a user interface configured to provide a user with data relating to a priority claim.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group VI is not necessarily required for Group X, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions VI and XI are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group VI directed to selecting a country or body, confirming order when no more classes are required or editing selections, upon confirmation, an email is sent, the user's account is debited and a sub contractor then files the application and Group XI directed to an interface which provides applicant details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group VI is not necessarily required for Group XI, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized

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divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions VI and XII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group VI directed to selecting a country or body, confirming order when no more classes are required or editing selections, upon confirmation, an email is sent, the user's account is debited and a sub contractor then files the application and Group XII drawn to a user interface for entering payment details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group VI is not necessarily required for Group XII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions VI and XIII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group VI directed to selecting a country or body, confirming order when no more classes are required or editing selections, upon confirmation, an email is sent, the user's account is debited and a sub

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contractor then files the application and Group XIII drawn to a system outputting via the user interface all of the application details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group VI is not necessarily required for Group XIII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions VI and XIV are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group VI directed to selecting a country or body, confirming order when no more classes are required or editing selections, upon confirmation, an email is sent, the user's account is debited and a sub contractor then files the application and Group XIV drawn to a user interface wherein upon confirmation of application details, the user is informed of the completion of data entry.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group VI is not necessarily required for Group XIV, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions VII and VIII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group VII directed to an interface with a plurality of menus for international registration under the Madrid protocol and Group VIII directed to an interface allowing the user to file the trademark application only, file the application with payment of a registration fee or perform a search.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group VII is not necessarily required for Group VIII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions VII and IX are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group VII directed to an interface with a plurality of menus for international registration under the Madrid protocol and Group IX directed to an interface providing a constituent of trademark applications.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group VII is not necessarily required for Group IX, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized

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divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions VII and X are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group VII directed to an interface with a plurality of menus for international registration under the Madrid protocol and Group X directed to a user interface configured to provide a user with data relating to a priority claim.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group VII is not necessarily required for Group X, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions VII and XI are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group VII directed to an interface with a plurality of menus for international registration under the Madrid protocol and Group XI directed to an interface which provides applicant details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group VII is not necessarily required for Group XI, and because the

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inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions VII and XII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group VII directed to an interface with a plurality of menus for international registration under the Madrid protocol and Group XII drawn to a user interface for entering payment details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group VII is not necessarily required for Group XII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions VII and XIII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group VII directed to an interface with a plurality of menus for international registration under the Madrid protocol and Group XIII drawn to a system outputting via the user interface all of the application details.

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Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group VII is not necessarily required for Group XIII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions VII and XIV are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group VII directed to an interface with a plurality of menus for international registration under the Madrid protocol and Group XIV drawn to a user interface wherein upon confirmation of application details, the user is informed of the completion of data entry.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group VII is not necessarily required for Group XIV, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions VIII and IX are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group VIII directed to an interface allowing the user to file the trademark application only, file the application with

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payment of a registration fee or perform a search and Group IX directed to an interface providing a constituent of trademark applications.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group VIII is not necessarily required for Group IX, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions VIII and X are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group VIII directed to an interface allowing the user to file the trademark application only, file the application with payment of a registration fee or perform a search and Group X directed to a user interface configured to provide a user with data relating to a priority claim.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group VIII is not necessarily required for Group X, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions VIII and XI are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the

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different inventions have different functions and effects, Group VIII directed to an interface allowing the user to file the trademark application only, file the application with payment of a registration fee or perform a search and Group XI directed to an interface which provides applicant details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group VIII is not necessarily required for Group XI, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions VIII and XII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group VIII directed to an interface allowing the user to file the trademark application only, file the application with payment of a registration fee or perform a search and Group XII drawn to a user interface for entering payment details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group VIII is not necessarily required for Group XII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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Inventions VIII and XIII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group VIII directed to an interface allowing the user to file the trademark application only, file the application with payment of a registration fee or perform a search and Group XIII drawn to a system outputting via the user interface all of the application details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group VIII is not necessarily required for Group XIII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions VIII and XIV are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group VIII directed to an interface allowing the user to file the trademark application only, file the application with payment of a registration fee or perform a search and Group XIV drawn to a user interface wherein upon confirmation of application details, the user is informed of the completion of data entry.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group VIII is not necessarily required for Group XIV, and because

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the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions IX and X are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group IX directed to an interface providing a constituent of trademark applications and Group X directed to a user interface configured to provide a user with data relating to a priority claim.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group IX is not necessarily required for Group X, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions IX and XI are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group IX directed to an interface providing a constituent of trademark applications and Group XI directed to an interface which provides applicant details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group IX is not necessarily required for Group XI, and because the

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inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions IX and XII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group IX directed to an interface providing a constituent of trademark applications and Group XII drawn to a user interface for entering payment details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group IX is not necessarily required for Group XII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions IX and XIII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group IX directed to an interface providing a constituent of trademark applications and Group XIII drawn to a system outputting via the user interface all of the application details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group IX is not necessarily required for Group XIII, and because the

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inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions IX and XIV are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group IX directed to an interface providing a constituent of trademark applications and Group XIV drawn to a user interface wherein upon confirmation of application details, the user is informed of the completion of data entry.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group IX is not necessarily required for Group XIV, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions X and XI are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group X directed to a user interface configured to provide a user with data relating to a priority claim and Group XI directed to an interface which provides applicant details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group X is not necessarily required for Group XI, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions X and XII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group X directed to a user interface configured to provide a user with data relating to a priority claim and Group XII drawn to a user interface for entering payment details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group X is not necessarily required for Group XII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions X and XIII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group X directed to a user interface configured to provide a user with data relating to a priority claim and Group XIII drawn to a system outputting via the user interface all of the application details.

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Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group X is not necessarily required for Group XIII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions X and XIV are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group X directed to a user interface configured to provide a user with data relating to a priority claim and Group XIV drawn to a user interface wherein upon confirmation of application details, the user is informed of the completion of data entry.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group X is not necessarily required for Group XIV, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions XI and XII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group XI directed to an

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interface which provides applicant details and Group XII drawn to a user interface for entering payment details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group XI is not necessarily required for Group XII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions XI and XIII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group XI directed to an interface which provides applicant details and Group XIII drawn to a system outputting via the user interface all of the application details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group XI is not necessarily required for Group XIII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions XI and XIV are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group XI directed to an

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interface which provides applicant details and Group XIV drawn to a user interface wherein upon confirmation of application details, the user is informed of the completion of data entry.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group XI is not necessarily required for Group XIV, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions XII and XIII are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group XII drawn to a user interface for entering payment details and Group XIII drawn to a system outputting via the user interface all of the application details.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group XII is not necessarily required for Group XIII, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions XII and XIV are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the

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different inventions have different functions and effects, Group XII drawn to a user interface for entering payment details and Group XIV drawn to a user interface wherein upon confirmation of application details, the user is informed of the completion of data entry.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group XII is not necessarily required for Group XIV, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Inventions XIII and XIV are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different designs, modes of operation, and effects (MPEP § 802.01 and § 806.06). In the instant case, the different inventions have different functions and effects, Group XIII drawn to a system outputting via the user interface all of the application details and Group XIV drawn to a user interface wherein upon confirmation of application details, the user is informed of the completion of data entry.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, because the search required for Group XIII is not necessarily required for Group XIV, and because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art because of the recognized divergent subject matter, and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.


Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janice A. Mooneyham whose telephone number is (571) 272-6805. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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